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SUBJECT: DRAFTING GROUP MEETING NO. 208, APRIL 18, 1978
(SALT TWO-1705)

SUMMARY: SIDES DISCUSSED NEW COMMON UNDERSTANDING ON
MIRV VERIFICATION PROPOSED BY U.S. KARPOV QUESTIONED
IMPLICATIONS OF PROPOSAL AND DISTINCTION BETWEEN
"MODIFICATION" IN THIS PROPOSAL AND "MODERNIZATION" AS
USED IN ARTICLE VI OF JDT. KARPOV ALSO PROBED FOR
SIGNIFICANCE OF U.S. APRIL 12 PLENARY STATEMENT THAT NEW
PROPOSAL WOULD NOT PRECLUDE USE OF INFORMATION OBTAINED
DURING ANY PHASE OF MODIFICATION, CONVERSION OR CON-
STRUCTION. PEREZ GAVE RATIONALE FOR U.S. PROPOSAL AND
ANSWERED ALL QUESTIONS TO APPARENT SATISFACTION OF SOVIET
SIDE. END SUMMARY.

1. SIDES DISCUSSED NEW U.S. PROPOSAL FOR COMMON UNDER-
STANDING ON MIRV VERIFICATION FOR ARTICLE II.5 PEREZ
PRESENTED RATIONALE FOR U.S. PROPOSAL ALONG LINES OF
U.S. PLENARY STATEMENT OF APRIL 12. KARPOV ASKED FOR
MEANING OF "MODIFICATION" AND HOW IT DIFFERS FROM
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"MODERNIZATION" AS USED IN ARTICLE VI. PEREZ AND MCNEILL
EXPLAINED DISTINCTIONS AMONG "MODERNIZED," "MODIFIED,"
"CONVERTED" AND "CONSTRUCTED."

2. KARPOV ASKED WHETHER WORK ON LAUNCHER WHICH DID NOT
ALTER STATUS OF LAUNCHER WITH RESPECT TO MIRV LIMITATIONS
WOULD REQUIRE SIDE TO GIVE ADDITIONAL FEATURES TO

LAUNCHER. PEREZ EXPLAINED THIS WOULD DEPEND UPON NATURE OF WORK-- CRITERION IS THAT MIRV LAUNCHERS SHOULD NOT BE CHANGED TO LOOK LIKE NON-MIRV LAUNCHERS AND VICE VERSA.

3. KARPOV PROBED FOR SIGNIFICANCE OF U.S. APRIL 12

PLENARY STATEMENT THAT NEW WROPOSSL WOULD NOT PRECLUDE USE OF INFORMATION OBTAINED DURING ANY PHASE OF MODIFICATION, CONVERSION OR CONSTRUCTION. PEREZ AND FREW EXPLAINED PURPOSE OF SENTENCE. KARPOV SEEMED SATISFIED, DESCRIBING THE SENTENCE AS DEALING WITH AN OBVIOUS POINT ALREADY AGREED.

4. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED THURSDAY, APRIL 20. PEREZ

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